Application No. 09/686,997 Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)

REMARKS

Claims 23 and 55-62 have been narrowed to focus on a specific type of superficial

body growth --- hair. (See, page 2, line 29 of the present application).

Claims 63-70 have been amended to require the identified compound to be applied in

the form of a composition (similar to claim 24). These amendments were made to make

claims 63-70 internally consistent.

All of these amendments were made to place the claims into better condition for

issuance.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced to the claims

through such amendments, and that these amendments should be entered.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment prior to issuance of this

application as a patent.

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